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SUBJECT: CIVIL-MILITARY AVIATION PLANNING IN NATO

REFS: A. STATE 21790; B. STATE 7283; C. USNATO 0397;

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1. MISSION AGREES WITH WASHINGTON ANALYSIS AND PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPING POTENTIAL OF NATO INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT CAPABILITY (REF A). WE EXPECT SECRETARY GENERAL TO ISSUE BY 10 FEBRUARY PRIVATE OFFICE (PO) MEMORANDUM FOR CONSIDERATION BY NAC WHICH WILL APPOINT DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA AS HEAD, AD HOC GROUP ON NATO AVIATION PLANNING.

2. DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN REFS A AND B, MISSION OFFICERS, IN RECENT INFORMAL MEETINGS, ADVISED IS DEFENSE PLANNING AND POLICY STAFF ON THE PREPARATION OF SYG PO IMPLEMENTING COUNCIL
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DECISION, C-R(75)1. IS REPS (DEVEGLIA AND CARACCIOLI) HAVE INDICATED TO MISSION OFFICER THAT PO WILL CHARGE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL PANSA WITH ORGANIZING NECESSAR RESOURCES OF NATO MILITARY AND CIVIL BODIES HAVING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AVIATION PLANNING.

ACCORDING TO IS REPS, POK WILL CALL FOR SMALL AD HOC GROUP CONSISTING OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDS, E.G., SHAPE, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS; CHAIRMAN MILITARY COMMITTEE; INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF; AND ASYG DEFENSE PLANS AND POLICY. AD HOC GROUP WOULD NOT CONDUCT ANOTHER STUDY, BUT WOULD IDENTIFY AIRLIFT PLANNING WORK UNDER WAY AND WOULD RECOMMEND TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIFIC TASKS TO VARIOUS NATO BODIES. PO WILL REQUIRE DEPSYG PANSA TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT SPRING MINISTERIAL.

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